



D U R H A M Open Space & Trails Commission

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Introduction

The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) is an advisory commission charged with advising the City Council and the Board of Commissioners on matters relating to open space preservation and trail development while involving and educating all segments of the Durham Community. Additionally, the Commission has a mission to foster the wise use of Durham's natural resources. The Commission consists of eight members appointed by both the City Council and Board of Commissioners, four elected or appointed officials, and up to 10 members appointed by the Commission. Current membership stands at 23 and includes the following individuals: Christopher Ammon, Charles Eilber, Jeffery Bakalchuck, Glen Bowles, R. Kelly Bryant, Kristine Remlinger, Dan Clever, Titania Roberson, John Goebel, Melvin Whitley, Charles Welch, Robert Glenn (Vice-Chair), Annette Montgomery, Deborah Morgan, Jason Nelson, Toby Berla, Josie Owen, Ellen Reckhow, LaDawnna Summers, Thomas Stark, (Chair), Clay Swenson, Will Wilson and Mike Woodard.

(Appendix I. Durham Open Space and Trails Attendance).

As an advisory board with reporting responsibility to both the City Council and the Board of Commissioners, the Commission pursues activities through regular monthly meetings of the full body of the DOST. These meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Committee Room on the second floor of City Hall. To facilitate activities, the Commission has the following committees that meet on a monthly or as-needed basis: trails, matching grants, development review, community education, finance, open space, and nominations. These committees bring forward issues and proposals for consideration and action by the DOST. This report summarizes the activities of these committees where appropriate as well as the activities of the City of Durham and Durham County as they relate to open space and trails.

Trails Committee

The Eno Greenway Phase 1 (0.75 mile) bridge over the Eno River along US 501 was completed in 2009 and is now open. The Third Fork Creek Trail between Southern Boundaries Park and Garrett Road Park and a connecting spur to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway has been finished.

The statewide Mountains-to-Sea Trail organization has worked with Durham Parks and Recreation Department (DPR) to construct a natural surface trail from West Point Park to River Forest Park along the north bank of the Eno River; that trail is a section of the longer Mountains

to Sea Trail and is under construction. Bridges will be completed on this last phase of the trail in 2011. In addition the Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail have completed almost 25 miles of the 29 mile trail along Falls Lake between Durham and Wake County. Funding through our matching grants program will be used to complete the construction for a bridge over a tributary into Falls Lake this project should be completed in the summer of 2011.

The Duke Beltline which encircles downtown is available for purchase and the city has been actively pursuing the beltline in conjunction with NCDOT. Those funds that were initially allocated towards the project were reallocated by a Capital Project Ordinance amendment to the Third Fork Creek Trail project when the sale seemed impossibility. Residual savings from that Third Fork Creek project have been put back into the account in order to help round out the financing of the trail acquisition from the initial ear mark, once negotiations became possible with Norfolk Southern. The staff has been working with Norfolk Southern and NCDOT and is continuing negotiations for this section of the Beltline. Maps have been prepared by the Commission to highlight this acquisition.

The Commission has made requests that the governing bodies continue to pursue the Duke Belt Line Trail as it provides for an excellent link to downtown and will serve as a major connector to neighborhoods and the active downtown re-development that is occurring. It is a top priority. If negotiations with Norfolk Southern fail, and if funds for the Beltline are still available for the purchase of RR corridors then it is requested that those available funds be considered for the purchase of the Panther Creek Trail in Eastern Durham or the Trent Street Spur. Both of those Corridor sections will need to be evaluated as to whether or not they are actually available for purchase, however, the Commission also requests that the governing bodies continue to pursue the Timberlake corridor as it provides for an excellent link to development in downtown and open space in Northern Durham and could serve as a major multi modal connector.

To date, the completed sections of the North/South Greenway system (the top priority of the Master Plan) include a section of the American Tobacco Trail, Downtown Trail, South Ellerbe Creek Trail, Ellerbe Creek Trail, Stadium Drive Trail and Upper Warren Creek Trail, and The Third Fork Creek Trail. The remaining uncompleted portions include the Lower Warren Creek Trail and a section of the Third Fork creek trail that runs roughly parallel to the ATT.

The completed and under construction projects generally represent the complete expenditure of City bond funds, the primary source for trail construction, including about \$3.5 million from 1990 and \$4.1 million from 1996. The City has received generous support from various other sources for trail construction, including several million from TEA-21 and ISTEAs grants a PARFTF Grant and last year, \$800,000 from ARRA stimulus funding.

The Trails Committee, in accordance with DOST, makes recommendations to the DPR Parks and Recreation and City-County Planning Departments as well as elected bodies on trails and greenways development priorities, new trails and greenways routes, and proposals prepared by design consultants.

In 2010 members of the committee worked with neighborhood groups to advocate for design funding for extensions of both the West Ellerbe and Pearsontown Trails. This funding was

secured and placed in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Unfortunately, the new budget emphasis on a “fundable CIP” has meant that the Pearsons town Trail project has been removed from the CIP. Members also promoted the cleanup of the trails surrounding the R. Kelly Bryant Bridge and they have constructed additional trail bridges (over Rocky Creek branches) throughout the neighborhood where needed. The new R. Kelly Bryant Bridge is up and a reconnection to the neighborhood has been made. A celebration was held to honor R. Kelly Bryant Jr. a long- serving and loyal member of DOST and a resident of the area in which the bridge is located and for whom the bridge is named.

Further public meetings to discuss the bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-40 for Phase E of the American Tobacco Trail were held during 2010. It is anticipated that design and approval for the bridge and trail will be completed in April, 2011 and construction will begin soon.

Geo-referencing of the city’s trails began in the fall of 2008 and was completed in 2009 when the City’s Emergency management staff accepted our data and mapping. This project involved applying thermoplastic mileage marks on the trails, geo-referencing them, and eventually uploading the data into 911 systems. This data have enabled first responders to quickly find trail users and provide points of reference for trail users and city staff. As part of this program, improved trail signage was designed and installed. Trail signage has become a priority for the trails committee and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Trails Committee applied for and received a Grant from the State Parks Department to print trail maps. The Committee worked with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission and produced a map that addresses a long overdue need for a comprehensive map that reflects bike routes and hiking trails, park locations and trail heads. It has been published and has been extremely popular and is now in a second printing. We will continue to seek funding for that map so that it may be revised on a yearly basis. The Trails Committee selected six trails from the master plan that should receive priority in future land acquisition and construction funding. These trails are: Duke Beltline, Third Fork Creek (extension), West Ellerbe Creek (extension), Pearson town Trail (extension) and Sandy Creek (extension), Warren Creek. The committee created ‘cut-sheets’ which detail the location, future appearance and importance of each trail. These sheets have been completed and are used as hand-outs at festivals or at neighborhood meetings about trails.

The Adopt-A-Trail program was initiated by the Trails Committee in conjunction with DPR and has gotten off to a good start with a number of trails being adopted by various groups, schools, and organizations. The Trails Committee would like to see trail maintenance improved on these trails and is working on various methods that would allow for greater citizen input. In addition, it would like to see the continued acquisition for and construction of trails throughout Durham. We recognize the need for additional funding, DOST plans to make a request for additional funding for trail design and construction on the next bond proposal.

The Trails Committee has also been working on a list of detailed amendments to the 2001 Durham Trails and Greenways Plan. DPR (Durham Parks and Recreation) in conjunction with the City-County Planning Department staff has been taking the lead on the update to this Plan. This update should be completed by spring of 2011.

The committee has also conducted the second set of trail clean-up outings in 2010. Trails cleaned in the past include the Upper Warren Creek Trail, Sandy Creek Trail and the Riddle Road Spur. This year the Trails Committee focused on the Burton Park and Sandy Creek Trails and provided additional trail construction and clean up to the Mountains to Sea Trail and the Hollow Rock Park Site. The committee takes the opportunity to contact nearby neighborhoods to help with the cleaning, and to give some background on each of the trails at the beginning of each outing.

The trails committee has also taken on the upgrading of some of the trails in Sandy Creek Park and was instrumental in getting additional bridges built for the Burden Creek Trail on the south side of the R. Kelly Bryant Bridge. They are continuing to focus on neighborhoods such as Campus Hills and working through grant applications for additional funding. A Campus Hills nature trail and the possibility of partnering with Triangle Off Road Cyclist (TORC) for a field track in that area is in progress.

In addition the trails committee is investigating possible ways to increase support for trail construction through the development review process.

Constructing trails requires patience and long range vision as a result of the slow parcel by parcel acquisition of trail corridors that is typically required as well as an often protracted contracting process. DOST feels that support for more funding, trail construction and acquisition should continue as a priority. Durham has only 14.5 miles of paved trails; though after the ATT Phase E and the Third Fork Creek Trails are completed there will be 20.2.

Committee Goals for 2010 included: Overseeing implementation of better trails signage, meeting with trails groups in adjacent jurisdictions, keeping track of construction updates, working with the Finance Committee to promote funding for future trails, providing input on the Greenway and Trails Master Plan update, reaching out to neighborhood groups, assisting with new trails maps, and more trail awareness-days.

Meeting place; date; and time: Conference Room B, Ground Floor City Hall; typically second Tuesday of the month; 7:00 pm.

Members: Kelly Bryant (chair), Glen Bowles, Charlie Welch, Titania Roberson, Dan Clever, John Goebel, Deborah Morgan, Josie Owens, Clay Swenson, Mike Woodard.

Open Space Committee

Early in the year the committee took the lead on making comments to a pending revision of the Falls Lake Master Plan.

Throughout the year the committee has been working on Urban Open Space definitions, easement usage and acquisition guidelines. The committee has also successfully pushed for the Urban Open Space Master Plan to be incorporated into the work plan for the City/County

Planning Department. This plan is now in the Planning Department work program and is moving forward in the planning process.

To match several posters available for planned and current trails, the committee developed a poster on types of open spaces (including urban open space). This poster was first unveiled at Durham Earth Day in 2009 and will be updated again this year for Earth Day 2011.

The committee continues to follow changes in the ordinance requirements for impervious surface transfers. The committee also followed the proceedings on the Jordan lake Rule changes.

A series of text amendments for the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) concerning environmental protections were endorsed by the committee and DOST this year. The development of a task force to study these amendments (EEUDO) was also encouraged. A committee member, Will Wilson, sat on this taskforce and reported to DOST concerning developments. These changes are moving forward with final text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance in 2011.

The committee has developed a list serve group concerning open space issues, which contained around 90 members (as of March 2011).

The committee presented a resolution for DOST's consideration concerning the Black Meadow Ridge parcel and West Point on the Eno Park, in support of the continued efforts of The Friends Of West Point group. DOST adopted and sent forth a resolution that urged the city to investigate transfer of the Park to the state park system and purchase of the Black Meadow Ridge (BMR) parcel by the State Parks Department. This is still being closely followed by the Open Space Committee with the hopes that budget constraints on the State will be lifted and the property can be purchased.

The Open Space Committee has been reviewing Evaluation Criteria that can be used to help assess properties for proposed County open space acquisitions and is in the final stages of completing that task. The Committee also conducted field visits of five potential open space projects and has been continually evaluating those properties through field hikes and investigations so that valid determinations and recommendations can be made.

Committee Goals for 2010 included: Developing a poster/map of Open Space for festivals, promoting and developing an Urban Open Space Plan, developing clear definitions for open space in the three development tiers, developing Open Space Acquisition guidelines, promotion of open space plans and promotion of the Farmland Plan which was adopted in early 2010.

The Committee has been meeting on the third Wednesday of the Month.

DOST Members: Josie Owen (Chair), Will Wilson, Glen Bowles, LaDawnna Summers, Bo Glenn. Ad-Hoc members – Mike Shiflett, Frances Kerr, Emily Ander. Staff liaisons: Jane Korest, Helen Youngblood.

Farmland Protection. In 2010, The Durham Farmland Protection Board sponsored a tour of Durham farms to the N.C. legislative delegation. The focus was to highlight the local educational and environmental benefits that derive from state funding of farmland preservation and stream restoration programs. The event was well received, with Paul Luebke, Mickey Michaux, Winkie Wilkins, Floyd McKissick, and Bob Atwater attending as well as staff from several staff programs. In 2010, Durham County was awarded another \$693,000 in federal Farm and Ranchlands (FRPP) funds for three more farms that will be permanently protected with conservation easements – the 71-acre Blalock farm, the 73 acre Carrington Farm and the 86 acres of the Thacker farm. All are located in northern Durham in the Lake Michie watershed overlay zone.

In concert with DOST plans, the staff of the Durham County Division of Open Space and Real Estate continues to work with potential open space acquisition projects in the New Hope Creek, Little River and Eastern Durham Open Space Planning/watershed areas, in addition to providing support and technical advice to other programs and boards. This work includes involvement and work with the Open Space Committee of DOST and the Durham County Farmland Protection Board.

New Hope/Hollow Rock Preservation. Four Local Governments (Durham County, the City of Durham, Chapel Hill, and Orange County) worked together to acquire the Hollow Rock/Duke property in April 2008. The Hollow Rock Planning Advisory Committee completed their work in the spring of 2009, with the Master Plan draft completed in the summer. During the winter of 2009 and spring of 2010, the plan went through the review and adoption process of the four jurisdictions. The DOST appointed liaison to this planning effort is John Goebel. Additional DOST members to serve on Hollow Rock Advisory Committee through other appointments include Mike Woodard, Charlie Welch and Ellen Reckhow. In June 2010, a public meeting was held at Trinity School to gauge public sentiments towards the potential closing of Pickett Road.

Mountains to Sea Trail. In 2006, the Durham Board of County Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) on the Mountains to Sea Trail with five agencies for the section of the Mountains to the Sea Trail that runs through Durham County on lands owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The partners to the Agreement are Durham County, the USACE, the State Trails Division of the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation (“NCDPR”), the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), and a statewide non-profit group, the Friends of the Mountains to the Sea Trail (“FMST”). In Durham County the proposed trail runs through the Eno River State Park in the west, then through City-owned lands along West Point on the Eno Park, and East of 15-501 on City lands between West Point Park and the Falls Lake Reservoir lands and continues along the Eno River until the old Oxford Road area where the alignment would then run through land owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Falls Lake. The Falls Lake section runs for approximately 29 miles all the way to the Durham/Wake County line.

At the present time, Durham County’s role is limited to review and comment on trail design and construction. The State Trails Division staff of NCDPR has agreed to provide primary oversight for this volunteer-based trail construction. The DOST liaison is Bo Glenn. From January 2010

through January 2011, FMST has been building trails in two locations within the county. A trail is being built within the Army Corps property from Hickory Hill Boat Ramp towards Redmill Road, and in Eno River State Park, from the Cabe Lands to the Pump Station trail areas. Trail construction has been somewhat slow this year due to such a wet winter. Only four miles of trail have been built.

FMST also received a DOST Matching Grant in 2009 in the amount of \$55,611. The funds will be used to reconstruct a bridge over Lick Creek that would eliminate the need to build seven miles of trail through bottomlands and wetlands at Falls Lake. These funds were carried over from 2009 to 2010-2011. The FMST hopes to be finished building inside of Durham County by early 2011. Volunteer trail work days sponsored by FMST regularly attract fifty to one hundred participants and the Friends of Mountain to Sea Trail have been very successful at have large volunteer groups to help complete this project in our area.

Community Education and Outreach Committee

The Commission's mission to foster the wise use of Durham's natural resources involves reaching out to the citizens of Durham. In order to achieve this goal, the Commission assists the City-County Planning Department with publishing a newsletter highlighting current environmental and recreational issues, and meets face to face with the public at Earth Day, Center Fest, and the Eno River Festival. The Commission appreciates the funds that the Board of Commissioners contributed to the budget to help achieve these educational objectives. A small portion of this money will be used for a long overdue board retreat. The Earth Day booth rental fee was also paid for through those funds. The remaining funds will be used to pay for the additional printing of the very popular Durham Trails and Greenways maps. A few additional educational materials are often possible with the remaining funds this year's funds were encumbered by the Department for additional printing needs on the new bike/hike map.

Throughout the year the committee has continued to enhance the DOST website, which was unveiled in 2007. The Committee has done an outstanding job incorporating content into the website that explains DOST's goals and interests, and also informs the public about upcoming events and issues.

www.bikewalkdurham.org/dost
www.durhamost.org

Progress continues on orienting neighborhood organizations to the nearest trails and open spaces, with the hopes that meeting with these groups and talking up DOST activities those groups will become more involved with what is happening in their neighborhoods.

The Educational Committee would like to pursue more vigorously the use of various Web sites and educational outreach programs that schools or other organizations may be involved in that promote trails and greenways. In order to do this more effectively, the Commission needs funds for some basic items for festival booth displays printings and presentation materials for enhancing public education.

The Community Education Committee staffs a Commission booth at the Earth Day Festival in April, the Eno River Festival in July, and Center Fest in September to inform the public about open space and trails programs, provide maps, and encourage community involvement. Previously the Trails Committee members created 5 maps of the top priority trails that they have had concerns about. Those trail maps were, printed and distributed to participants at all of those events. They are a big educational tool for the community.

The Committee meets monthly before the DOST commission meeting (third Wednesday of the month).

Committee goals for 2010 included: Maintain a presence at each of the local festivals, publishing newsletters via our web site, improving the DOST website with maps and additional tools and links, improving community presence and public awareness of DOST, supporting the other committees by helping to publicize their work and bring visibility to them through the web site (i.e., Urban Open Space, Matching Grants program, etc.)

Members: Charles Eilber (chair), Christopher Ammon, Jason Nelson, John Goebel.

Development Review Committee

The Development Review Committee of the Commission screened over 211 site plans and made recommendations/comments on approximately 10 zoning map changes that had impacts on areas of the Trails and Greenways Master Plan as well as the Durham Inventory of Important Natural Areas, Plants, and Wildlife. Two very high profile rezoning cases were reviewed by the Committee and recommendations brought forward by elected officials which upheld Durham's long standing effort at protection of Natural Heritage sites.

With the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance, a DOST member has been seated on the Development Review Board for five years. This has facilitated additional input into plans that have significant environmental/open space, inventory sites, and trails and greenways that are affected by development. The Development Review representative continues to monitor and make comments on plans before the Board and also feel that reestablishing a local committee for inventory site review would be beneficial.

The Development Review Committee studies and makes advisory comments on zoning map changes and site plans for the Development Review Board, City Council, and Board of Commissioners regarding impacts to greenways and open space.

2010 committee goals were: 1. Continue to review site plans and re-zoning requests and make written report as determined by committee, 2. Continue representation on the Development Review Board. 3. Seek additional input as needed on updates for adopted Inventory.

Meeting place; date; and time: Ground Floor City Hall Conference Room B, first Wednesday of the month, 5:00 pm; and Second Floor Committee Room City Hall, third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Members: Annette Montgomery (chair), Dan Clever, Glen Bowles, Josie Owen.

Finance Committee

This year the chair requested that the Finance Committee meet several times in addition to the matching grants funding cycle to look at possible additional, non-public funding sources for trails and greenways. The Committee is in the process of determining and considering how additional funding could be obtained from developers and/or the corporate community to facilitate trail construction.

The Chair of the Committee, Deborah Morgan, has been instrumental in pulling together and researching our current financial situation on trails and greenways and has provided the group with some excellent information. Deborah met with Budget and Management Services to learn more about the Capital Improvement Project process and how it is reported on the city's website. She has also started research into the costs of completed trails and their sources of funding and has continually followed budget constraints on trail funding sources.

This committee has been reaching out to Keep Durham Beautiful (KDB) in a joint effort to research and create a system for attracting private funds for public projects such as sponsorship of a trail or greenway, and to better coordinate volunteer activities for trail clean up days.

Ms. Morgan also worked with the Planning department to provide a map of the acquisition status of segments of planned trails in the Master Plan. This serves as a useful tool to estimate acquisition costs required for the development of planned trails. Ms. Morgan has also investigated (by looking at historical and current data) the construction cost of trails. In addition she has worked tirelessly to better connect the Recreation Advisory Board with DOST.

The Committee meets monthly before the DOST commission meeting (third Wednesday of the month).

2010 committee goals were to: 1. Develop a database of past, current and future trail projects, 2. Investigate 501 c status or ability to collect contributions for trail funding from private sources, 3. Investigate potential funding strategies- CIP, bond referenda, impact fees, private contributions and to facilitate more neighborhood interaction with community trails.

Members: Deborah Morgan (chair), Annette Montgomery, Ellen Reckhow, Tom Stark, Glen Bowles.

Durham County Matching Grants Program

Now in its nineteenth year, the Matching Grants Program continues to provide grants to community non-profit organizations for open space and recreation projects throughout the County. When budgetary feasible, Durham County contributes an annual allocation to support the Program. During the life of this Program, the County's investment of \$1,181,451 has leveraged over \$3 million in monetary and in-kind contributions. The Program to date and approved projects for the 2009 cycle are shown in the following table:

Durham County Matching Grants Program		
	Program to Date	Year 2010
Number of Grants	58	3
Value of County Matching Grants	\$1,181,451	\$ 77,175
Total Value of Projects	\$3,148,898	\$ 327,983

For the 2010 Grant Cycle, the Committee opened the process to only the applicants that applied during the previous cycle but were not funded due to the budget constraints. Maplewood Park was completed in fall of 2010 and the two remaining projects were carried over to the 2011 grant cycle due to funding constraints.

The three projects approved for funding in the 2009-2010 cycle include:

Organization	Project Description	Grant Award
Center for Community Self-Help	Relocate and redevelop Maplewood Park in the West End neighborhood of Southwest Central Durham	\$9,057.00
Friends of the Mountain to Sea Trail	Purchase and install a 100 foot steel pedestrian bridge over Little Lick Creek on the Mountains to Sea Trail at Falls Lake	\$55,611.00
Woodcroft Community Association	Fitness trail on existing Woodcroft walking trail	\$12,507.00
Total 2009 Request		\$77,175.00

Matching Grants Committee – Conducts the application process and recommends awards to the Board of County Commissioners based on a set of criteria established by the Committee. Some previous projects have included tot lots and school playgrounds. The committee meets on an as-needed basis.

2010 Goals included: Annual review of criteria for any adjustments/corrections, continuing to increase opportunities to publicize the Matching Grants Program, reviewing and assessing applications, recommending selected recipients to DOST, delivering DOST approvals to BOCC for awards.

Members: Annette Montgomery, (Chair); Ellen Reckhow; Bo Glenn, Deborah Morgan

Staff: Bo Gattis, Durham County Budget Office

Overall Commission Goals for 2011

The Commission will continue to promote the preservation of valuable open spaces, the preservation of natural vegetation and stream valleys within the urban, suburban and rural environment, and the development of trails and other appropriate recreational and transportation facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, the Commission will promote the protection of the natural environment where appropriate to serve the public interest, with equal consideration for long-term care of the environment and the short-term pressures of growth and continue to seek funding sources for additional trails and land acquisition. The Commission also feels that it is important to work with and reach out to other Commissions and agencies in order to reach common goals.

In 2010-2011, the Commission would like to see the following incorporated into the City-County Planning Department's Work Program with the top 6 items as priorities:

1. Support the Urban Open Space Plan for the city, vital with our pace of growth for preservation of our open spaces and our environment (implementation of Comprehensive Plan policies 7.2.2.h and 10.1.3e).
2. Promote funding for *implementation* of the Trails and Greenways Master Plan and 2011 updates to the adopted 2001 plan where needed including but not limited to; other grant proposals, open space acquisition and trail construction funds through a bond referendum and/or as an annual appropriation in the Capital Improvement Program. Funds have been expended for new trail construction.
3. Continue to promote the adopted Eastern Durham Open Space Plan in Eastern Durham and support City/County staff in the construction, completion, and management of the Mountains to Sea Trail. This proposed trail is an integral part of the Eastern Durham Open Space Plan and the "missing link" between Penny's Bend and Wake County. This portion of the trail is a vital link to the Eno trail system, the proposed Falls Lake Initiative and eastern Durham.
4. Update the adopted New Hope Creek Master Plan.
5. Recommend that the Flat River Plan (Comprehensive Plan policy 7.2.2g) be made a high priority on the work program so that land acquisitions that are currently occurring in the northeast portions of the County can be incorporated into an adopted plan.
6. Seek out new funding sources such as grants, and corporate or other private-public partnerships that may help contribute to possible construction and or acquisition of open space and trails.

7. Continue to reach out to the Durham community through publication of a newsletter, our web site presence, educational brochures, and participation in Earth Day, Festival for the Eno, Center Fest, and production of maps. Continue to reach out to the community and educate neighborhoods and others on our efforts and educational endeavors.
8. Advocate for open space and trails, express citizen concerns regarding open space and trails to Durham's governing boards, and communicate plans and programs to the general public.
9. Provide recommendations for zoning map changes/development and site plans to uphold the *Durham Trails and Greenways Master Plan*, and pedestrian accessibility as well as the preservation of open space and respect for environmentally sensitive areas.
10. Continue to advocate for ongoing trail maintenance including the Adopt-a-Trail Program and quarterly work days.
11. Continue to facilitate the Durham County Matching Grants Program.
12. Promote the regional connectivity of trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks.